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President's Column

How many businesses are active after 83 years? In 1939, an organization called "Tri-County Sportsmen's League," was formed way out in distant York Township. I suspect that Moon Road was likely unpaved for many decades. Imagine the challenges and changes that have been presented to the world in those eight plus full decades. Domestic, international, and personal issues of serenity, tranquility, hostility, prosperity, recessions, good and bad times; and yet here we are in our 83rd year and still going strong. And what has been the one constant in all that time? The member. A membership organization is here for the member. You, I, and all those before us are what have kept TCSL active since its founding.

The past two years have been quite a challenge. We have all stepped up to answer the request to go that extra measure to overcome the conditions imposed on us to be safe and yet still keep TCSL vibrant. Special recognition goes to immediate Past President Steve Reed. Throughout those two years Steve provided consistent leadership to ensure that the Club remained as open as conditions allowed and that Club business was conducted properly.

After several years as a Board member and three years as the Recording Secretary, I was asked to serve as the Club's President. I thank all who suggested that I serve and those who supported me. I am here to support the Club.

My desire is for each of us to engage more in Club activities. On the third Thursday of each month, the Board meets in the clubhouse. A Membership meeting follows—except in July, August, and November. Burger Night is scheduled when a Membership meeting is on the schedule. If you are running like crazy all day long, you can get a good meal and still attend the meetings. Other committee meetings have continued in the Zoom format. The links are posted on calendar. Attendance at the meetings earns volunteer work hours.

Most months the Club hosts a Sunday breakfast and a Friday steak fry (chicken and salmon available). These are very good meals at reasonable rates. There are many members, families, and friends in attendance. If you have not been to one of the meals, please join us. Help is always needed in prep, serving, and clean up, and you'll earn volunteer hours.

The March calendar <http://tcsll.org/#calendar> lists several education classes, range events, and community events. New member orientation is March 9. You don't have to be "new" to attend; the orientation is open to any who may be rusty or looking for a refresher. Many members devote time and talent to these events. Give them that recognition by participating in our events.

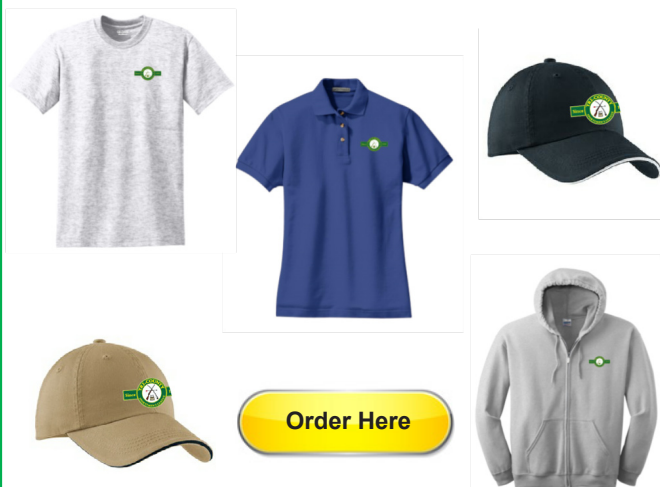
A little further out on the calendar, look for a spring grounds clean-up (TBA). Returning to the schedule this year are both Women on Target (WOT) on June 11 and Kids on the Range Day (KORD) on July 30. These are well-attended events that introduce firearm and archery usage and safety to newcomers. Pass the word to your friends and families. Maybe you can gift an event spot to someone? Maybe you or your child wants to attend? Planning has begun for both events. See the first Tuesday of each month on the calendar. Much help is needed. Earn volunteer hours.

In closing, let's have a good year. My focus is on safety, skill development, participation at Club events and meetings, and volunteer hours. We overcame significant alterations to normal in the past two years. We are a volunteer organization. It is up to us to keep it going.

Sincerely,
Stuart Berry



Tri-County Logo Apparel



Winter Rifle Bench Match Held

Our second winter rifle bench match for 2022 was held on Saturday February 19th at the 100-yard rifle range with 5 shooters.

Results of the match:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Shooter</u>	<u>Rifle</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Score</u>
<u>Iron Sight Division</u>				
1st Place	Dave Vandermark	1903A3 Springfield	30/06	95-2x

Scoped Division

1 st Place	Jerry Marken	AR-15	223 Rem	100-9x
	Pete Stumpo	Browning X Bolt	7mm Rem Mag	100-9x
2 nd Place	Dave Harris	AR-15	224 Valkyrie	100-7x
3 rd Place	Mark Smokowicz	AR-15	223 Rem	98-1x

The winter bench matches are conducted from the bench rest, and course of fire is 10 rounds sight-in over a period of 10 minutes followed by 10 rounds for score over a period of 8 minutes. Highest score wins. Bring 20 rounds of safe ammunition, safety or shooting glasses, hearing protection, registration fee and appropriate warm clothing. A spotting scope is useful, and you may also bring rests or other positioning gear. Some blocks and sand bags are available.

Our next Rifle Match (March Madness Match) will be held on Saturday, March 19th and is open to all TCSL members and guests. Registration starts at 9am and the match begins at 10am. A short safety briefing will be held prior to the match. Fees for the match will be \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. You can compete with any .22 LR rifle, with iron sights or scope. See the separate write-up for the match description.

For further information or questions contact Dave Vandermark at rifle@TCSL.org.

April Newsletter

Absolute deadline for article submission:
March 24
newsletter@tcsl.org

Women On Target Saturday, June 11

April 1 is the start of registration for this year's Women On Target. This year you will be able to register and submit your payment of \$90 online through our website, TCSL.org. Mail-in registration forms will also be available both online and at the club. We are again limiting the number of participants to 70 women and will have 7 teams of 10. You are welcome to enter as part of a team—just be sure to list your team members on your registration form.

As in years past, this event requires the help of so many volunteers to keep it running smoothly. If you are not one of the participants, we have a place for you to lend your hand, and we welcome and appreciate your help! Please send an email to WOT@TCSL.org or call me at 734-417-9599 and let us know your availability.

Once again, we will be holding a raffle—for both volunteers and participants. We appreciate and welcome your donations!

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you to make this event a success!



contact: Carol Grubb
734-417-9599 or WOT@TCSL.org



Booster Club

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Suggested donations:

\$10 \$50 \$100

Or choose your amount.

You can also make this a recurring, monthly donation.

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Tri-County Sportsmen's League
Attn: Booster Club

8640 Moon Road, Saline, MI 48176



The mission of the Booster Club is to raise funds to supplement TCSL's traditional funding through member dues. These funds will help to ensure that TCSL can continue to: Promote sportsmen and women in the betterment of hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, boating, shooting.

- Host social activities for our members.
- Provide leadership for our youth.
- Participate in citizen action in the legislative process.
- Protect our environment.



Kids on the Range Day

Saturday, July 30

We continue to hold monthly planning meetings with the Women on Target volunteers, and things are right on schedule to open registration on April 1. Forms will be available online and at the Club.

Many of you have worked this event before and know that it's a terrific way to introduce kids to the fun of sport shooting. We invite you to join the fun this year by volunteering. We have a place for YOU!

Remember that we need a background check via the Michigan State Police for every volunteer. I know it's an inconvenience, but it's something we have to do in this day and age—unfortunately. It's easy to do and costs just \$10 each. (It would be greatly appreciated if each volunteer would pay for his/her own background check. It adds up to a lot of money if KORD pays for all of them.)

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, at 6pm at the clubhouse (downstairs).



contact: Val Kabat
KORD@tcsi.org



The Funk of February

Small game hunting is rolling out, and Turkey hunting is rolling in.

To purchase a hunting license in Michigan, an individual born on or after January 1, 1960, is required to successfully complete an approved hunter education course. There are three options for completing hunter education in Michigan:

- A traditional classroom-based course + in-person field day (typically included as part of the classroom course)
- An online course + in-person field day
- A take home study course + in-person field day

Non-residents can purchase a Michigan hunting license with a valid hunter education safety certificate from another state.

Mentor a new hunter! What is the mentored youth hunting program?

- The Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters 9 years of age and younger to hunt with a mentor who is at least 21 years of age, has hunting experience, and has a valid Michigan hunting license other than an apprentice license.
- What can mentored youth hunt with their license? The mentored youth license is a "package" license to hunt small game, waterfowl, turkey (spring and fall) and deer, trap furbearers, and fish for all species. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found in the Michigan Hunting Digest or online at Michigan.gov/MentoredHunting.
- I'm a mentored youth hunter. How many turkeys can I kill in the spring, and where can I hunt? As a mentored youth hunter, you get one spring turkey kill tag, which is valid for one bearded turkey in any open spring turkey hunt unit on public or private land.
- As a mentored youth hunter, can I apply for the spring turkey license? No. You will receive one spring turkey kill tag with your mentored youth license. All hunters are allowed only one spring turkey tag.
- As a mentored youth hunter, do I need an application for the mentored youth license? No. An application is not required for the mentored youth license. Find all this information in the [digest](#).

Good luck this spring and remember safety begins with you.

[The Hunters Education Committee](#)
[Jon N Yost](#)

2022 Rifle Match Schedule

1/15 - 100 yd High Power Bench Match
2/19 - 100 yd High Power Bench Match
3/19 - 100 yd March Madness Match
4/16 - 100 yd 22LR Bench Match
5/7 - Lever Action Match
5/21 - Military Match
6/11 - Military Match (date may change)
7/2 - Trench Match
7/16 - Military Match
8/6 - Cavalry Match
8/20 - Military Match
9/3 - 185 yd Bench Match
9/17 - 100 yd 22LR Bench Match
10/1 - Trench Match
10/15 - Military Match
10/29 - 100 yd 22LR Bench Match
11/19 - 185 yd Bench Match (starts at noon)
12/17 - White Elephant Match

[Dave Vandermark](#)
rifle@tcsi.org

WANTED

The rifle ranges still need more range bags for rests. We are looking for any airsoft shot you may have lying around that you'd like to be rid of. Donations can be left at the club marked "Attn: Dave Vandermark."

And since it's that time of year, you may have some unwanted Mardi Gras beads that can be used to help fill the canvas rest bags. Bring them in, but don't expect anything if you throw them at Lance.



March Madness Rifle Match coming March 19!

On Saturday, March 19, we will have our first ever March Madness Match at the 100-yard rifle range. What the heck is it? It's a 100-yard bench match using 22 LR rifles. Any scoped or iron-sighted 22 LR rifle can be used. Each course for the match will consist of trying to break 10 clay birds at 100 yds using a maximum of 20 rounds of ammo. Each course will be a maximum of 90 seconds long. Rifles will be loaded with 5 rounds at a time maximum, and only one magazine can be used. The timer starts with the magazines empty, and rifle, magazines, and ammo on the bench.

So what makes it a "March Madness" match? Once all the shooters have signed in, we will randomly draw numbers, which will determine the shooter's place in a bracket system (seeding), just like the NCAA basketball tournament. Shooters will then go through each course two at a time. The first shooter to break all the birds first, or break the most at the end of 90 seconds, will move on to the next round. The other shooter is done for the match. We will progress through as many firing courses as necessary until we have one winner.

What do you need to bring? Your rifle, and plenty of ammo (depends on how many shooters show up). You need up to 20 shots per course, so maybe 200 rounds just to be sure. Bring a shooting rest (we will also have some available for use), and maybe a spotting scope if you think you have time to use it and/or need it.

Sign in on March 19 starts at 9am, and shooting will begin at 10am.

To help in preparing the match, please let [Dave Vandermark](mailto:rifle@tcsf.org) know if you plan to shoot the match at rifle@tcsf.org. And feel free to ask any questions as well. Good luck!



MUCC Out of Doors Youth Camp July-August

Michigan Out-Of-Doors Youth Camp has announced that they are returning to residential camps this year!

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) Youth Camp is held during the summer at Cedar Lake Outdoor Center near Chelsea. The camp is special, because it focuses on engaging campers in the outdoors and connecting them with the environment. Campers learn outdoor skills such as target shooting, hunter safety, camping, and wilderness survival. A selection of camps are offered ranging from Day Camps for ages 5-8, and a wide variety for campers 9-11; fishing camps, wilderness, forest, and for ages 12-14: conservation, hunting, fur harvesting, wilderness survival as well as counselor and stewards in training camps for older campers.

The TCSL Board has agreed to pay 50% of the camp cost to send up to five campers this season. Preference will be given to those campers who have not yet attended camp. If interested, complete the application that can be found at the Club, or follow the link below.



IMPORTANT: Send the completed application to TCSL along with a check (payable to MUCC) for 50% of the cost of the camp (\$150 for day camp, or \$250 for all other camps).

Scholarships are available. Please click [here](#) to see the Camp Brochure.

[Mark Smokowicz](#)

MUCC Committee Report

MUCC continues to be involved in many areas of Michigan outdoor issues. I hope everyone who has an email address and has given it to TCSL is receiving the Conservation Insider from MUCC, as well as other updates. If not, let Jim or me know.

The DNR has opened the Crystal Waters area for use by the public. It is located east of Milan and has 800 acres available for use. DNR biologist Zach Cooley will be in charge of managing the development of this area. He will be scheduling a meeting at the end of March. The purpose of the meeting will be to relay and to get information on the plans for the use of the area. Many area clubs and organizations will be attending this meeting. I have been invited to attend representing TCSL and the Huron Valley Conservation Association. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me.

MUCC will have the Youth Camp near Chelsea open this year. Some of the camp brochures are available at the club, and you can talk with Mark Smokowicz about TriCounty's program for camper sponsorship. Campers must go through the club to be involved in the sponsorship program.

MUCC's next Policy Board Meeting will be in St. Ignace on Saturday, March 12. I will be attending. This will be the last meeting where resolutions can be approved for convention. Jim and I will be attending the MUCC Convention in Lansing from June 24 to June 26.

MUCC continues to work in our state legislature on all items involving our natural resources. Updates are in the Conservation Insider.

Please contact us for any questions or additional information.

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Country Breakfasts Return to Tri-County Sportsmen's League!

**Sunday, March 6
8-11:30am**

Come Enjoy Breakfast with Friends.

**Open to the Public.
It's a great place to meet old friends
and make new ones.**

**\$8 for adults
\$4 children (12 and under)
Children under 5 are FREE**

**One more breakfast coming up:
April 3**

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TCSL STEAK FRY



Friday, March 25, 5-7pm

**At Tri-County Sportsmen's League
8640 Moon Road, Saline**

Take the night off from cooking and join us.
This is the best dinner money can buy!

Open to the public, so bring friends and family along.
Great time to connect with other TCSL members!

Choose from a Steak, Chicken or Salmon,
and watch it get cooked over a huge outdoor grill.
Then choose from an assortment of side dishes.

Meal includes:
Salad, Roll, Potatoes, Vegetable, Baked Beans, and Dessert.

Now offering kids meals:
Hamburger or Hot Dog, Mac & Cheese.

Steak Dinner \$20.00
Salmon Dinner \$15.00
Chicken Dinner \$10.00
Children (12-5) \$ 6.00
Children (under 5) Free

Membership

Four people submitted applications this month and were approved by the board of directors. They include (all Probationary):

Lewis Donofrio	Julian Galarza
Troy Grantham	David Stachlewski

Four people attended February's orientation session. They include:

Lewis Donofrio	Troy Grantham
Adam Freeburn	Hans Vanalstive

The Club currently has 450 voting members and 44 non-voting members who are associates and juniors. There are 271 regular members, 61 probationary, 78 seniors, 7 past presidents, 29 life members, 3 young adults, 1 military, 34 associates, and 10 juniors.

As of February 23, we have had 285 members renew for 2022, and that doesn't include 20-30 renewals that have not been processed yet. If you haven't yet renewed your membership but plan to, remember that a \$20 late fee will be attached to any renewals not postmarked on or before February 28. Also, current probationary members' will be sent their renewal notices 4 to 6 weeks before their membership expires. Please check your membership card for the expiration date.

Thanks

Charlie Unbehaun
Membership Secretary

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Please send items for this column to newsletter@tcsl.org.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 RSO On Duty: 10am - Scouts Event	28 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	1 6pm - WOT & KORD	2 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday	3 12pm - Friends of	4	5 8am - Michigan CPL 10am - SHS Trap
6 RSO On Duty: 8am - Breakfast at 9am - Hunter	7 RSO on Duty: Mark 12pm - Friends of 7pm - BSA Troop	8	9 RSO on Duty: Mark 10am - Wednesday 6:30pm - Gun Safety	10 12pm - Friends of 6:30pm - Education	11	12 9am - New Member
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Very Important: For up-to-date information, please see the [online calendar](#).

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